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FILED IN THE
U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

May 29, 2025

SEAN F. McAVOY, CLERK

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

STEPHEN BURGESS, individually,
BRUCE WOLF, as the court-appointed
Personal Representative of the Estate
of DEBORA M. BURGESS and on
behalf of all statutory wrongful death
beneficiaries,

No. 1:23-CV-03054-MKD

SIXTH JURY TRIAL
SCHEDULING ORDER

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 DAIMLER TRUCK NORTH
13 AMERICA, LLC, a Delaware limited
14 liability company, HTS LOGISTICS,
15 INC, an Illinois corporation, SAHIL
TAYA, husband, JANE DOE TAYA,
wife, and XYZ CORPORATIONS (1-
5),

16 Defendants.

17 On April 17, 2025, the Court held a Status Hearing in this matter. ECF No.

18 160. The Court informed the parties that due to scheduling conflicts with the
19 Court's calendar, the hearing on Defendant Daimler Truck North America, LLC's
20 Motion for Summary Judgment, ECF No. 98, and the parties' *Daubert* motions,

1 ECF Nos. 103, 105, 107, 112, would need to be rescheduled. The Court also
2 informed the parties that to ensure they will have the benefit of the Court's rulings
3 on the pending motions prior to a pretrial conference that the trial and pretrial
4 conference dates will also need to be rescheduled. The Court instructed counsel to
5 meet and confer on possible hearing and trial dates. The parties have now agreed
6 on new hearing and trial dates.

7 **IT IS ORDERED:**

8 1. The hearing on the pending Motion for Summary Judgment and Daubert
9 Motions is **RESET to June 17, 2025, and June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in**
10 **Richland, Washington.**

11 2. The Pretrial Conference date is **RESET to September 23, 2025, at 1:00**
12 **p.m. in Spokane, Washington.**

13 3. The trial date of June 16, 2025, is **STRICKEN** and **RESET to October**
14 **15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in Spokane, Washington.**

15 4. **General Court Procedures**

16 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4), the dates set forth in this Order may be
17 amended **only** by Order of the Court and upon a showing of good cause. Pursuant
18 to Fed. R. Civ. P. 29, the parties may stipulate to other procedures governing or
19 limiting discovery, except the dates set forth in this Order.

1 Counsel shall review and employ Local Civil Rule (LCivR) 83.1 (Civility)
2 and Washington Rule of Professional Conduct 3.4 (Fairness to Opposing Party).

3 **5. Mediation**

4 If the parties elect to proceed to mediation, it should be completed as early
5 as possible to avoid the unnecessary expenditure of judicial resources. If the
6 parties have not reached a resolution by the date indicated in the Summary of
7 Deadlines below, the Court will refer this matter to a Federal Magistrate Judge for
8 settlement purposes. The parties shall file a status report by that same date
9 regarding the settlement process.

10 If the parties would like to pursue mediation before a Federal Judge
11 (District, Magistrate, or Bankruptcy) at an earlier date, the parties shall contact the
12 Courtroom Deputy for a referral.

13 **6. Rule 26(a)(1) Exchange**

14 If not already accomplished, the parties shall disclose their Fed. R. Civ. P.
15 26(a)(1) material no later than the date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines
16 below.

1 **7. Motions to Amend Pleadings, Add Parties, for Class Certification**

2 Any motion to amend the pleadings, add parties, or for class certification

3 shall be filed no later than the date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below.

4 **8. Sealed Documents**

5 Any and all sealed documents shall be filed by the parties under the sealed

6 event as a sealed document. The parties are not required to file a separate motion

7 to seal a document. The parties shall file any objections to a sealed document by

8 **no later than five days** after the filing of the sealed document. The Court will

9 thereafter review the sealed document and any objections filed to determine

10 whether the document should be unsealed.

11 Any party filing a sealed document shall email

12 dimkeorders@waed.uscourts.gov to inform the Court of the filing. The email shall

13 note the ECF number of the sealed document and the general nature of the

14 document.

15 **9. Rule 26(a)(2) Expert Identification and Reports**

16 The parties are cautioned that failure to timely identify experts or provide

17 reports in accordance with Rule 26 and this scheduling order may result in

18 exclusion of such testimony absent good reason. *See Wong v. Regents of the Univ.*

19 *of Cal.*, 410 F.3d 1052 (9th Cir. 2005). Additionally, Rule 26(a)(2) reports shall be

20 emailed to the court at dimkeorders@waed.uscourts.gov.

1 **A. Plaintiff - Initial Expert Disclosures**

2 Each Plaintiff shall identify its experts and serve those experts' Rule
3 26(a)(2) reports on all other parties no later than the date indicated in the Summary
4 of Deadlines below. Each Plaintiff shall also provide dates for which those experts
5 can be available for deposition. Counsel is required to file a notice with the Court
6 indicating their compliance with this Order's Rule 26(a)(2) requirements.

7 **B. Defendant - Initial Expert Disclosure**

8 Each Defendant shall identify its experts and serve those experts' Rule
9 26(a)(2) reports on all other parties no later than the date indicated in the Summary
10 of Deadlines below. Each Defendant shall also provide dates for which those
11 experts can be available for deposition. Counsel is required to file a notice with
12 the Court indicating their compliance with this Order's Rule 26(a)(2) requirements.

13 **C. Plaintiff - Rebuttal Expert Disclosure**

14 Each Plaintiff shall identify its rebuttal experts and serve those experts' Rule
15 26(a)(2) reports on all other parties no later than the date indicated in the Summary
16 of Deadlines below. Each Plaintiff shall also provide dates for which those experts
17 can be available for deposition. Counsel is required to file a notice with the Court
18 indicating their compliance with this Order's Rule 26(a)(2) requirements.

1 **10. Discovery Cutoff**

2 **A. Generally**

3 All discovery, including depositions and perpetuation depositions, shall be
4 completed by the date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below (“Discovery
5 Cutoff”). To be timely, discovery requests must be served sufficiently in advance
6 of the deadline to allow for timely response by the cutoff date. All interrogatories,
7 requests for production, and requests for admission shall be served on the opposing
8 party no later than **70 days** prior to the Discovery Cutoff. The parties shall not file
9 discovery, except those portions necessary to support motions or objections.

10 **B. Depositions, Interrogatories, Requests for Production and/or
11 Admission**

12 Unless otherwise stipulated, no more than 10 depositions up to seven hours
13 long, may be taken by the plaintiffs, or by the defendants, or by third-party
14 defendants. Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(A), (d)(1).

15 Unless otherwise stipulated, any one party may serve no more than
16 25 written interrogatories, including discrete subparts, on any other party. Fed. R.
17 Civ. P. 33(a)(1) advisory committee’s note to 1993 amendment (explaining
18 “discrete subparts”).

19 Unless otherwise stipulated, any one party may serve no more than
20 30 requests for production, including discrete subparts, on any other party. LCivR
34(d).

1 Unless otherwise stipulated, any one party may serve no more than
2 15 requests for admission, including discrete subparts, on any other party. LCivR
3 36(c).

4 A party needing relief from these limitations should timely seek relief from
5 the Court by motion.

6 **C. Protective Orders**

7 Any stipulation or motion for a confidentiality agreement or protective order
8 must be timely filed so as not to delay the discovery process or the Court's
9 deadlines. If confidential records are attached to court filings, "compelling
10 reasons" must be shown to seal records attached to a dispositive motion and "good
11 cause" must be shown to seal records attached to a non-dispositive motion.

12 *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-80 (9th Cir.
13 2006).

14 **D. Motions to Compel**

15 To avoid wasted time and expense, the parties may contact chambers to
16 schedule a telephonic conference to obtain an expedited ruling on discovery
17 disputes. Motions to compel seeking sanctions shall be filed in writing.

18 All motions to compel discovery must be filed and served no later than
19 **30 days** prior to the Discovery Cutoff.
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1 **11. Notice of To-Be-Adjudicated Claims and Affirmative Defenses**

2 Each party shall file and serve a notice no later than seven days after the
3 Discovery Cutoff indicating which previously-pleaded claims and/or affirmative
4 defenses will be adjudicated at trial.

5 **12. *Daubert* and Dispositive Motions**

6 **A. Generally**

7 All *Daubert* and dispositive motions shall be filed on or before the dates
8 indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below. Responses and replies to *Daubert*
9 and dispositive motions shall comply with LCivR 7. No supplemental responses or
10 supplemental replies to any *Daubert* or dispositive motion may be filed without
11 Court permission.

12 **B. Summary Judgment Motions**

13 Parties are generally expected to set forth all their arguments in support of
14 summary judgment in a single dispositive motion that conforms with the page
15 limits set forth in the local rules. No party shall file multiple, successive, or
16 piecemeal motions for summary judgment without first obtaining leave of the
17 Court.

1 **C. Statement of Uncontested Facts**

2 The parties shall also file a Joint Statement of Uncontested Facts no later
3 than **three days** after filing of the reply with a courtesy copy emailed to
4 dimkeorders@waed.uscourts.gov.

5 **D. Notice of Hearing**

6 *Daubert* and dispositive motions shall be noted for hearing at least **50 days**
7 after the date of filing.

8 **13. Certification to the State Supreme Court**

9 No later than the date for filing dispositive motions, the parties must identify
10 any issue of liability or damages which should be certified to the State Supreme
11 Court.

12 **14. Constitutional Challenge**

13 No later than the date for filing dispositive motions, the parties must comply
14 with the procedures contained within Fed. R. Civ. P. 5.1 if the constitutionality of a
15 federal or state statute is called into question.

16 **15. Motion Practice**

17 **A. Notice of Hearing**

18 Parties are to comply with LCivR 7(i) when noting motions for hearing. If
19 oral argument is sought by a party, counsel shall first confer and determine an
20 agreeable hearing date and time, and then contact the Courtroom Deputy at

1 (509) 943-8172 to confirm the Court's availability for the agreed-upon hearing
2 date and time. All non-dispositive motion hearings shall be conducted by video,
3 unless in-person argument is approved by the Court. The parties may use cellular
4 phones for telephonic hearings, but not in speaker mode and provided the caller is
5 in an area with adequate cellular service and minimal background noise. Landline
6 phones may not be used in speaker mode. All phones must be muted unless
7 addressing the Court.

8 The parties may use cell phones, computers, tablets, or other suitable devices
9 to participate in telephonic hearings. Regardless of the device used, the parties
10 shall use adequate equipment including headphones to ensure the Court and the
11 Court Reporter are able to comprehend their speech during the hearing.

12 Dispositive motion hearings in which oral argument has been requested will
13 be set for in-person appearance, unless otherwise directed by the Court. If the
14 parties seek to request the dispositive motion be heard by video, counsel shall
15 contact the Courtroom Deputy.

16 **B. Motions to Expedite**

17 If there is a need to have a motion heard on an expedited basis, the party
18 must file a motion to expedite and an accompanying memorandum (or declaration)
19 establishing the need for an expedited hearing. The motion shall be noted for
20 hearing, without oral argument, no earlier than seven days after the filing of the

1 motion, or two days after the date of filing with prior permission from the Court.
2 Pursuant to local rule, motions (including stipulated motions) may **not** be noted for
3 hearing for the same day they are filed. *See* LCivR7(i)(2).

4 **C. Citing Previously Filed Documents**

5 All references to a previously filed document shall cite to the electronic case
6 filing (ECF) record number and page number within that ECF record, in the
7 following format, “ECF No. __ at __.” Such documents shall not be attached as
8 exhibits.

9 **D. Reliance on Deposition Testimony**

10 When a party relies on deposition testimony to support a position it takes in
11 support or opposition to an issue, that party shall provide the Court with the
12 pertinent excerpts of the deposition testimony relied upon and shall cite to page
13 and line numbers of the deposition it believes supports its position. *See generally*
14 LCivR 56(c). Submission of the entire deposition and/or failure to cite to specific
15 portions of the deposition may result in the submission being stricken from the
16 record. *See Orr v. Bank of America*, 285 F.3d 764, 774-75 (9th Cir. 2002).

17 **E. Supplemental Responses or Replies**

18 No supplemental responses or supplemental replies to any motion may be
19 filed unless the Court grants a motion to file such documents.

1 **F. Motions to Reconsider**

2 Motions to reconsider are disfavored. Motions must show manifest error in
3 the prior ruling or reveal new facts or legal authority which could not have been
4 brought to the Court's attention earlier. The motion shall be noted for expedited
5 hearing without oral argument seven days after it is filed. No response to a motion
6 for reconsideration need be filed unless requested by the Court. No motion for
7 reconsideration will be granted without such a request by the Court.

8 **G. Decisions on Motions**

9 The parties may call to inquire about the status of a decision on a motion if
10 the Court has not issued an order within **30 days after** the hearing on said motion.

11 **16. Witness/Exhibit Lists**

12 Witness/Exhibit lists shall be filed and served and exhibits made available
13 for inspection or copies provided to the parties on or before the date indicated in
14 the Summary of Deadlines below.

15 **A. Witness Lists**

16 Witness lists shall include a brief description of the witness, a brief summary
17 of the witness' anticipated testimony, whether the witness will be called as an
18 expert, and any known trial date/time conflicts the witness may have.

1 **B. Exhibit Lists**

2 Exhibit lists shall include a brief description of the exhibit. All exhibits shall
3 be pre-marked; Plaintiffs' exhibits shall be numbered 1 to 999; Defendants'
4 exhibits shall be numbered 1000 to 1999. Exhibits shall be marked in the lower
5 right corner of the exhibit when practicable.

6 **C. Objections**

7 Objections to witnesses/exhibits shall be filed and served on or before the
8 date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below, **and shall be heard at the**
9 **pretrial conference.** All objections to witnesses shall set forth a legal basis and
10 explanation for the objection. Objections to an exhibit or portion thereof shall be
11 accompanied by a full and complete copy of the exhibit in question and a short
12 legal explanation for the objection. The party seeking the admission of the witness
13 or exhibit has **five** days, excluding federal holidays and weekends, to file a
14 response to the opposing party's objection; no reply shall be filed.

15 **17. Deposition Designations**

16 **A. Generally**

17 Designation of substantive, as opposed to impeachment, deposition or prior
18 testimony to be used at trial shall be highlighted – in yellow by Plaintiff or in blue
19 by Defendant – and each party shall serve a complete, highlighted transcript of the
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1 deposition or prior testimony on or before the date indicated in the Summary of
2 Deadlines below.

3 **B. Cross-Designations**

4 Cross-designations shall be highlighted – in yellow by Plaintiff or in blue by
5 Defendant – in the transcript containing the opposing party's initial designations
6 and shall be served but not filed on or before the date indicated in the Summary of
7 Deadlines below.

8 **C. Objections**

9 All objections to designated deposition or prior testimony and the legal bases
10 for the objections, shall be filed and served on or before the date indicated in the
11 Summary of Deadlines below. Any designated deposition or prior testimony
12 objected to shall be underlined in black in a complete yellow/blue highlighted copy
13 of the deposition/prior testimony transcript described above. A paper copy of the
14 underlined document shall be filed and served with the objections. The party
15 seeking admission of the testimony has **five days**, excluding federal holidays and
16 weekends, to file a response; no reply shall be filed. If the deposition was
17 videotaped, and the videotape is to be used at trial, the party seeking to use the
18 videotaped deposition shall indicate the relevant portion on both the written
19 transcript and the videotape. Similarly, objections shall be made on the written
20 transcript as explained above along with the applicable time stamp on the video

1 tape noted. All objections to deposition and prior testimony designations shall be
2 heard and resolved at the pretrial conference with the videotape available for
3 display.

4 **18. Motions in Limine**

5 All unresolved substantive or evidentiary issues that may foreseeably arise
6 during trial shall be addressed by motions in limine to be filed and served on or
7 before the date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below. Such motions will
8 be addressed and resolved at the pretrial conference. However, motions in limine
9 may not reargue issues already decided by the Court.

10 **19. Pretrial Order**

11 **A. Generally**

12 A Joint Proposed Pretrial Order prepared in accordance with LCivR 16(e)
13 shall be filed on or before the date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines below,
14 and a copy e-mailed, in Microsoft Word format, to
15 dimkeorders@waed.uscourts.gov.

16 **B. Exhibit List**

17 The list of exhibits contained in the Joint Proposed Pretrial Order shall
18 reflect the exhibit marking scheme described above. In preparing the Joint
19 Proposed Pretrial Order, the parties shall confer regarding duplicative exhibits and
20 determine which party will submit such exhibits for trial.

1 **20. Trial Briefs, *Voir Dire*, and Jury Instructions**

2 **A. Generally**

3 Trial briefs, requested *voir dire*, and jointly proposed jury instructions shall
4 be filed and served on or before the date indicated in the Summary of Deadlines
5 below.

6 **B. Trial Brief Length**

7 Trial briefs shall not exceed 20 pages without prior court approval. To
8 obtain court approval, a party must file a motion to file an overlength brief,
9 demonstrating good cause why supplemental briefing is necessary.

10 **C. Jury Instructions**

11 The parties' jointly proposed jury instructions shall include a table of
12 contents, preliminary instructions, final substantive instructions, and a verdict
13 form. The instructions shall be sequentially numbered and include a citation of
14 authority for each. The instructions shall, at a minimum, include instructions
15 regarding the elements of each claim or defense, the relief sought, and otherwise
16 comply with LCivR 51(a). A party proposing a Jury Instruction that differs from a
17 Ninth Circuit Model Civil Jury Instruction should submit a memorandum
18 analyzing cases to support the modification.

1 **D. Individually Proposed Jury Instructions**

2 If the parties are unable to agree on certain instructions, they are to submit
3 individually proposed jury instructions no later than the date the jointly proposed
4 instructions are due. All individually submitted proposed jury instructions must
5 adhere to the format described above and not repeat the jointly proposed
6 instructions.

7 **E. Objections**

8 Any objections to the opposing party's individually submitted proposed
9 instructions must be filed no later than five days, excluding federal holidays and
10 weekends, after the individual proposed instructions were filed. All objections
11 shall set forth the basis for the objection and briefly explain why the instruction in
12 question should not be used or should be altered.

13 **F. Courtesy Copies**

14 Counsel shall e-mail courtesy copies of their **jointly** and **individually**
15 proposed jury instructions, in Microsoft Word format, to
16 dimkeorders@waed.uscourts.gov.

17 **21. JERS**

18 The Court utilizes the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS), a system
19 that makes electronic evidence available in the jury room during deliberations.

1 Counsel shall promptly consult the Court's "JERS Instructions for Attorneys"¹ to
2 ensure they acquire, retain, and provide evidence to the Court in the necessary
3 format.

4 On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with
5 counsel, each party who intends to introduce evidence at trial must supply a CD,
6 DVD, or USB drive to the Courtroom Deputy containing all of that party's exhibits
7 in the required format. Counsel may contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-
8 8172 with any questions.

9 **22. Technology Readiness Meeting**

10 On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, any party seeking to
11 offer video or audio evidence at trial must meet with Court staff at the location of
12 the trial to verify compatibility with the Court's presentation systems. The parties
13 shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to arrange this meeting.

14 **23. Pretrial Conference**

15 A pretrial conference will be held on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 1:00**
16 **p.m.**, in Spokane Courtroom 755. The parties and counsel may request to appear

18 ¹ This document can be found on the Court's public website at the following link:
19 https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers%207.2024.pdf

1 at the pretrial conference by video. All counsel trying the case must be present at
2 the pretrial conference.

3 **24. Trial**

4 The jury trial shall commence on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at**
5 **9:00 a.m.**, in Spokane Courtroom 755. Counsel shall appear at 8:30 a.m. on the
6 first day of trial to address any pending pretrial matters. Jury selection will begin
7 promptly at 9:00 a.m.

8 **25. Summary of Deadlines**

9	Rule 26(a)(1) exchange	COMPLETED
10	Deadline to add parties, amend pleadings, and file for class certification	COMPLETED
11	Rule 26(a)(2) expert reports produced to other parties and emailed to the Court: Plaintiff – Initial Experts: Defendant – Initial Experts: Plaintiff – Rebuttal Experts:	COMPLETED COMPLETED COMPLETED
12	All interrogatories, requests for production, and requests for admission, served	COMPLETED
13	Motions to compel discovery filed	COMPLETED
14	Discovery Cutoff	COMPLETED
15	Notice of to-be-adjudicated claims and affirmative defenses filed	COMPLETED
16	All <i>Daubert</i> motions filed	COMPLETED

1	All dispositive and state certification motions filed	COMPLETED
2	Hearing on Motion for Summary Judgment and Daubert Motions	June 17-18, 2025 9:00 a.m. – Richland
3	Witness and exhibit lists: Lists filed and served: Objections filed and served:	August 20, 2025 August 27, 2025
4	Deposition designations: Designated transcripts served: Cross-designations served: Objections filed and served:	August 13, 2025 August 27, 2025 September 10, 2025
5	All motions <i>in limine</i> filed	August 20, 2025
6	Joint Proposed Pretrial Order filed and emailed to the Court	September 10, 2025
7	Trial briefs, jury instructions, verdict forms, requested <i>voir dire</i>	September 10, 2025
8	PRETRIAL CONFERENCE	September 23, 2025 1:00 p.m. - Spokane
9	Exhibit binders and JERS-compatible digital evidence files for trial delivered to all parties and to the Court	2 Weeks Before Trial
10	Technology readiness meeting (in-person)	1 Week Before Trial
11	Referral to Magistrate Judge	COMPLETED
12	FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE	October 15, 2025 8:30 a.m. - Spokane
13	JURY TRIAL	October 15, 2025 9:00 a.m. - Spokane

1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is directed to enter this
2 Order and provide copies to the parties.

3 DATED May 29, 2025.

4 *s/Mary K. Dimke*
5 MARY K. DIMKE
6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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